

TOPIC Schoenhauser Damm AirfieldEVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Between 3 and 14 August 1952, leveling work and the cutting of trees at Schoenhauser Damm airfield was not yet completed. The boundaries of the installation could not yet be determined.
2. On 16 September, source observed leveling work at the field. Two lanes about 40 meters wide were being excavated and then filled with peat dust. Eighty workers who were trucked from Schoenhauser to the field were counted at the installation.
3. On 26 September, source observed that the cutting of trees at the field began at a point about 650 meters east of the Hohengoehrener Damm-Schoenhauser Damm road. To the east, the field bordered on the Schoenfeld-Schmetzdorf road. The area adjacent to the east had been cleared for width of about 230 meters but was not yet leveled. ** The field itself was leveled and rolled. The landing field was being provided with a layer of humus which was hauled to the installation by means of a narrow-gauge field railroad track. However, only a small portion of the field was covered with humus on the day of observation. *
4. On 27 September, the airfield was unoccupied. The field was north-east of Schoenhauser Damm and southeast of Hohengoehrener Damm. Its east-west extension was estimated at 3,500 meters, its north-south extension at 1,000 meters. Except for its east side the field was surrounded by woods. To the east the field bordered on a clearing which had not been leveled. No construction work was observed. About six workers were observed setting up a prefabricated wooden building at the southern edge of the installation. Three Soviet soldiers were also seen there. A narrow-gauge field railroad line was noticed by source in the southeastern corner of the installation. No permanent buildings were seen. A shed for the storage of coal and construction equipment was seen at the southern edge of the field. A temporary quartering building, a wooden shed which probably served for the storage of tools in addition to five tents with a capacity of about 8 men and a sizable number of tents with a capacity of about 30 men were also seen there. Two piles of rectangular shaped objects, 10x0.3x0.3 meters, were seen on this site. Each of the piles was about 30 meters long, 5 meters high and 10 meters wide. Source could not determine whether these objects were of wood or metal. ***

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25X1 * [] Comment. If the information that two lanes, each 40 meters wide
were being excavated at Scheenhauser Damm airfield is correct, this would con-
firm a previous report furnished by another source, according to which two run-
ways were under construction at the field. [] However,
25X1 it remains to be seen whether two runways will actually be built.
25X1 ** [] Comment. For boundaries of the field, []
*** [] Comment. These piles may have consisted of runway mats although the
stated height of 30 cm would be too high for mats. However, it must be taken
into consideration that source observed these piles from a distance of about
150 meters.

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